

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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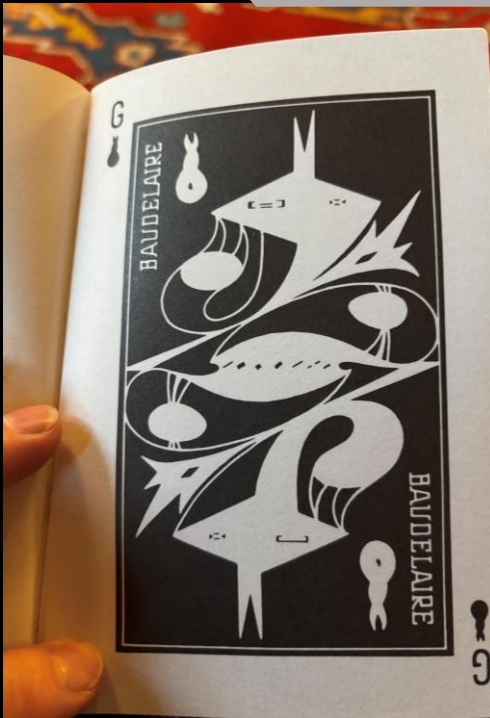
Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
Rowena Tyler, Line Officer
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- Feedback from the Arun Valley Line Group meeting on Friday was positive, despite the train issues. Thanks were passed on to Paul O'Brien for the railway station tour and to Loukas Ioannou and his colleagues at Gatwick Airport for hosting the meeting and assisting with the IT connectivity problems. Colleague Maddy also received an email from a visitor to Gatwick, praising the History of Gatwick exhibition, which we passed on to Bruce Healey, the volunteer historian. *Photo shows Arun Valley Line Group members in the exhibition display area.*
- Notes and actions from that meeting are now with the Chair for approval and will be circulated next week.
- I'm working with GTR and the Aldingbourne Trust to try and ensure smooth handovers for the station planting they are relinquishing. On this line, that's Littlehaven and Bosham.





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Hounslow to Richmond
Anna Stearman Line Officer
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Inspiring weekend at West Dean College with Salvador Dali, getting inspired by surrealism and sculpture for an art trail for Hounslow Richmond Loop in time for Community Rail Week.

Isleworth Station volunteers have increased their socials activity by over 1000% since launching the mosaic project in July.

Followed up with Martyn and Lucy from SWR regarding permissions for CBS grant.

Worked with Cultivate London to update the timeline and the budget for Hounslow Sensory Garden in line with delivery deadlines.

Working towards a poppy making workshop at St Margarets station for November.

Productive 1-2-1 appraisal with Fiona.

Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International
Paul Bromley Line Officer
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- Renewed contact with various groups over potential Try a Train trips to look at possible dates and journeys
- Passed on requests for various improvements around Ore station to Network Rail
- Sent out agenda and other documents for our next steering group meeting



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading Line Officer: Sara Grisewood sara@southeastcrp.org

- The third Big Draw event took place at Reading Station during this half-term week and was well attended; we utilised an empty space in the Brunel Arcade to express ourselves with natural paint brushes and paint! There were many messy hands and much delight.
- Black History Month event organised by Hampshire CRP is taking place also at Reading Station on Friday with music, art activities and more.
- I attended a GWR online CRP catch up with useful information and how they are managing their move to public ownership.
- I also joined a GWR Local Transport Forum; Zach Bailey shared some news about Dorking stations ahead of our steering group meeting next month.
- We held further planning meetings for our White Ribbon event on 25th November at Reading; and our CRN small grant application was approved to pay for our performers.
- Next week: final Big Draw event at Farnborough North and then ready to start planning for the Big Draw 2027 involving other lines within SCRP.
- Photo: Big Draw in the Brunel Arcade Reading Station. SCRP



Sussex Coast

Line Hove to Littlehampton

Lynda Spain Line Officer

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- CRN Tourism Forum – very interesting presentation about getting meaningful publicity
- A trip out to Southwick to meet Shoreham Port Authority and Whistlestop Arts to talk about the Train to Trail project for Southwick
- Plans are progressing for the Seed Swap at Worthing Station on 2nd December, Your Community Cares Campaign on 26th November and Train to Trail project
- How lucky are we to have these views to look at every day from a train window (pics – Shoreham Airport and River Adur).



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to
Brighton

Michael Olden Line Officer

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- It's been a busy gardening week tidying up for the autumn, preparing for winter and planting bulbs for the spring. Falmer, Lewes, Seaford and London Road volunteer gardeners have all been out doing their best to keep the stations looking good and preparing for the new season. Under the expert direction of volunteer organiser Dan Ori, I managed to plant some bulbs at Seaford station (see picture).



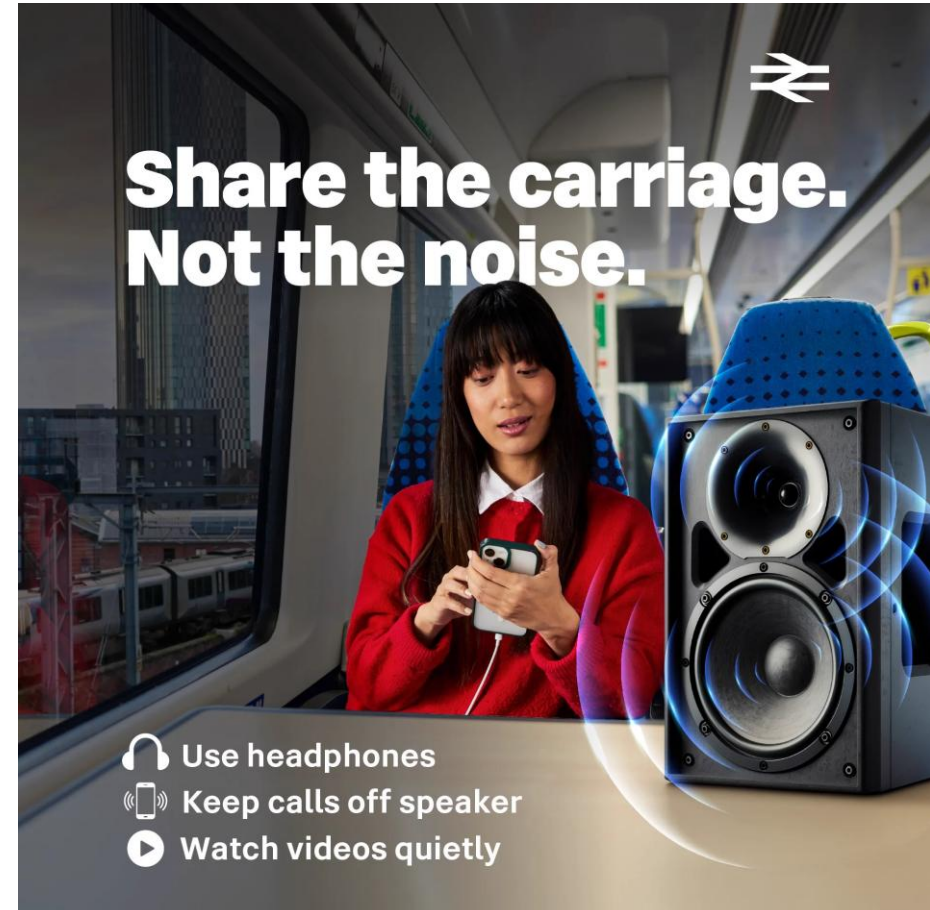
Windsor to Reading
Sandy Mahon, Line Officer
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- Had a wonderful time at the Big Draw event at Reading Station. Both children and adults rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in to mark making and experimenting.
- Two productive meetings regarding White Ribbon event at Reading and Wokingham.
- Meeting with Egham Museum to move forward with history boards, pop-up exhibition and map. Also discussion about Egham Football Club 150th anniversary next year.



Go Train GWR Education Maddy Mills Education Officer maddy@southeastcrp.org

- Met with Lucy Lomax at SWR to start planning the Travelling with Confidence project for SWR on the Hounslow Loop starting in January.
- Attended GWR CRP update meeting.
- 1-2-1 with Fiona.
- This week was my first time on the train since the launch of the “Share the carriage. Not the Noise” campaign and it was great to hear the announcements several times on my train journey. We teach the Year 6 pupils about using headphones during the Go Learn and Go Train workshops!



SCRIP CIC News
Fiona Morton CEO,
Trevor Field Finance
Officer

- Taking advice from DFTO about building a business case for future funding.
- GWR catch up with CRPs . Always useful and very much appreciated
- Materials arrived for Your Community Care Campaign with West Sussex thanks to a grant from GTR

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